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Gani et al  
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For: VINYL SULPHONE MODIFIED POLYMER

DECISION ON  
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW ANY HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT received August 7, 2002. The petition requests that any abandonment for failure to timely file a response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2001 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that a response was transmitted by facsimile on April 1, 2002.

### DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee). A review of the petitioner's evidence indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that applicant or applicant's representative did file a response on April 1, 2002. The evidence provided includes a copy of the April 1, 2002 response, a copy of the Certificate of Transmission filed with the response and a copy of the fax history report indicating a successful transmission.

Therefore, any holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application will be forwarded to the PTO clerical staff for entry of the April 1, 2000 response and subsequent consideration by the examiner.

The Petition is GRANTED.

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